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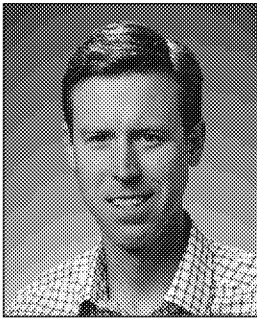
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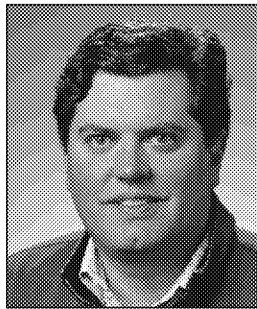
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Kris Anderson is a senior program manager with the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA), which is the state's energy office. Kris' responsibilities at GEFA include managing the state's energy savings performance contracting program, managing the Georgia Energy Challenge, leading the state's energy emergency planning and response team, and working on energy policy analysis and recommendations for state leaders. Prior to joining GEFA, Kris was a planner and worked on a range of planning and management programs for federal and energy industry clients.

Kris has a Master's of city and regional planning degree from Georgia Tech and a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin – Madison.

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Blake M. Ashbee is Chief of Staff for the Environmental Protection Agency Region 4. Prior to his appointment to the agency, he worked as an attorney and lobbyist in Atlanta for two international law firms. Blake has a long and distinguished career in both public service and the private sector. He was appointed by former Georgia Governor Nathan Deal to serve as Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Workforce Development, having formerly served as its General Counsel. He previously served in Governor Deal's administration as Deputy Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Executive Counsel. In addition to his experience at the state level, Blake has served in senior advisory roles to members of U.S. Congress and at the U.S. Department of Energy, as well as with Fortune 500 companies.

He and his wife, (b) (6) have one daughter, (b) (6) and reside in Atlanta, GA.

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Randy  
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Randy was born a Navy brat and lived in a few interesting places (like Iceland), before settling in Memphis, Tennessee. He grew up in Memphis, attending the University of Memphis for both undergrad and law school. He moved to Nashville in 2005 to work as a litigator for the Internal Revenue Service. Shortly after moving to the Atlanta area in 2015, he went into private practice handling mainly tax controversies, including a number of conservation related tax disputes.

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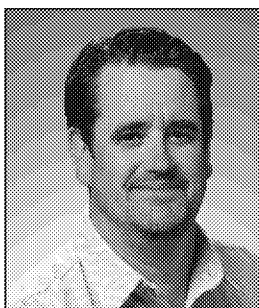
Casey  
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Casey Bradford is an environmental attorney serving the business community, an active supporter of environmental stewardship and conservation, and a proud Atlantan and Georgian since 2006 when she moved to the Peach State after law school. She is a partner at Jones Day, where she has spent more than a decade helping companies to achieve their business and environmental goals and obligations. Currently, Casey serves on the Host Committee for The Nature Conservancy's 2019 Wild For Georgia Celebration. She is a graduate of LEAD Atlanta and a board member of Rivers Alive and the Atlanta Women's Energy Network.

Originally from central Florida, Casey grew up on a thoroughbred racehorse farm and learned the value of hard work from her industrious parents. Her childhood instilled a lifelong fascination with the responsible intersection of nature and business. She holds a degree in Forest Resources and Conservation from the University of Florida and a law degree from the University of Virginia. Casey met her husband, Garrett Bradford (an Assistant U.S. Attorney), when she moved to Atlanta. Together with their dog Mia, Casey and Garrett enjoy hiking, running, kayaking, and camping in Georgia's beautiful parks and other wild areas.

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Karl Burgess is Coastal Resources Division's (CRD) Assistant Director. Karl has been a part of the CRD family for over 16 years. Growing up on St. Simons Island and being a long-term resident of Georgia's coastal plains, he has developed a passion for all our coast has to offer. Upon graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, Karl was at a crossroads of what was next. It was an internship with Coastal Resources that he discovered an opportunity to merge his love for the coast with his legal and environmental education. As his career progressed he also obtained a MPA in Environmental Management.

Karl believes in strong family values, he and his wife Kimberly take great pride in raising their two young boys, Jackson and Lucas to be the next generation of conscious stewards of our natural, historical, and cultural resources.

As Assistant Director, Karl serves as the principal advisor to CRD Director Haymans on budget, personnel, organization, and resource management. His role also entails supervising the Director's office communication, outreach, and administrative personnel. Karl has an extensive experience in the regulatory functions at both the state and federal level, including numerous legal matters and interaction with a wide range of constituents that assist in advancing both CRD and the Departments mission and vision.

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Shelby Buso grew up in Atlanta, Georgia. She has always loved animals and was intrigued by human cultural impacts on the natural environment. She studied anthropology, environmental studies, and spanish at Wake Forest University before ultimately pursuing her Juris Doctorate and Masters of Environmental Law and Policy from Vermont Law School. She clerked for the US District Court after law school and then jumped into the non-profit sector full time. She has been back in Atlanta since 2010 and has worked in the Community Improvement District sector for most of that time. She managed the Atlanta Better Buildings Challenge for the City and then transitioned to her current role as the Director of Market Transformation & Development for the US Green Building Council. She lives in Decatur with her family of five plus of course, a menagerie of pets!

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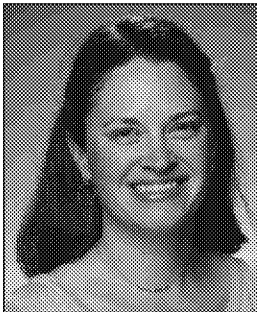
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Jon Callaghan has spent the last 20+ years working with private and institutional investors in all types of real estate investments. Primarily focused on return drivers to the timberland and farmland space since 2004, this has naturally led him to the evaluation and execution of many conservation opportunities. An avid outdoorsman, Callaghan is a graduate of both the University of Georgia as well as Georgia State University, where he earned an MBA in Real Estate. He continues his relationship with GSU, serving on the Honorary Board of the Department of Real Estate.

Callaghan and his partners run Southern Rock and Land Partners as well as Black Bluffs Partners, two Atlanta-based private equity firms focused on conservation-minded investments in land and timber in the southeastern United States.

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Molly is the Assistant State Conservation Engineer for Georgia NRCS. Molly has worked for NRCS for 15 years, with most of her NRCS career spent in Washington State as the Western Washington Area Engineer. Molly's work with NRCS is focused on water resource related projects, including irrigation and irrigation water management, stream and habitat restoration, and water quality improvements.

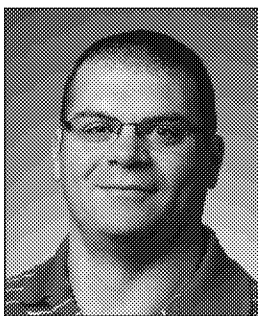
Molly grew up in Jesup, Georgia and graduated from the University of Georgia with a Bachelors in Biological Engineering in 2002. Molly earned her Professional Engineering license in 2012.

Molly moved back to Georgia in July 2016 and brings to Georgia a broad range of environmental perspective and technical skills that she is excited to share.

When not working Molly enjoys doing anything outside, especially gardening, and spending time with her husband and young daughter.

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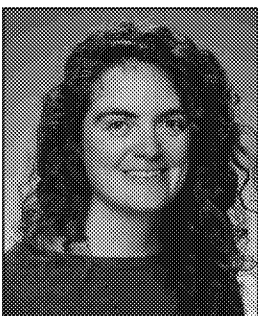
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Nick is not quite a born and raised Georgian, but pretty close- he grew up in Marietta and attended high school in Roswell. After high school, Nick attended Davidson College where he majored in Biology and was a 4-year member of Davidson's football and track teams. While at Davidson, Nick spent 3 years doing research in the herpetology and ornithology labs. After graduating from Davidson, Nick went on to graduate school at Duke's Nicholas School of the Environment where he earned master's degrees in Environmental Management and Forestry and a certificate in geospatial analysis. While at Duke, Nick has a particular interest in fire ecology and endangered species management and wrote his masters project (Duke's version of a thesis) on longleaf pine and Red-cockaded woodpecker management for The Nature Conservancy's Green Swamp Preserve in Wilmington, NC. Since graduating from Duke, Nick has worked at NewFields, an environmental consulting and engineering firm in midtown Atlanta. Nick is married with two kids and lives in Smyrna. Outside of work, Nick serves on several boards including the Chattahoochee Nature Center in Roswell, president of the Nicholas School Alumni Board, Duke's Atlanta Alumni Board and Duke's Annual Fund Advisory Board.

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As a South Carolinian, Laura Early landed on the Georgia coast as a sea turtle technician on Cumberland Island while earning her B.S. in Biological Sciences from Clemson University. Following graduation, Laura has worked with extension programs at the University of Florida and Clemson University, as well as a small nonprofit in Sanibel, Florida before she returned to the Georgia coast as a naturalist on Little St. Simons Island. As her understanding of the region grew, she recognized the vital connections between the rivers and coastal ecosystems--and the people that depend on them. To become better equipped to protect these important resources, Laura entered an interdisciplinary graduate school program at the University of Georgia where she earned her Masters of Science in Conservation Ecology and Sustainable Development in 2016, in which her research focused on environmental impacts of land use changes in the Satilla watershed. She also spent a year as a Knauss Marine Policy Fellow in Washington, DC where she worked in NOAA's National Sea Grant Office focused on the Coastal Resilience portfolio and strategic planning for the national Sea Grant network. Laura has been at the helm of Satilla Riverkeeper for two years, guiding advocacy, education, citizen engagement, and watershed protection initiatives.

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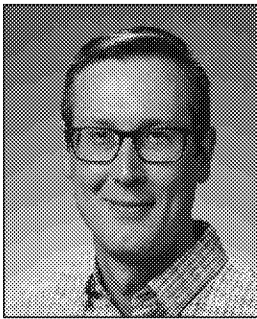
Jennifer  
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Jennifer Flowers is the Stormwater/MS4 Coordinator for the City of Gainesville. She grew up in Athens and has a Bachelor of Science in Ecology from the University of Georgia. She discovered her passion for water through numerous focused courses and activities in college. Upon completion of her Bachelors, Jennifer completed two terms of AmeriCorps service with NJ Community Water Watch. She guided and trained students from Rutgers University to complete semester internships focusing on K-12 education, stream monitoring and river cleanups. After her time with AmeriCorps, she earned a Masters of Environmental Law and Policy from Vermont Law School. She started working for the City of Gainesville in 2010, as the Water Conservation Specialist. She is a proud Water Professional, Wife and Mother of two girls.

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Brian is a Senior Attorney in the Atlanta office of the Southern Environmental Law Center. Since joining SELC in 2004, Brian has worked on a wide variety of environmental issues, from wetland and endangered species protection to air pollution and historic preservation. His current work focuses on air quality, transportation, and land use issues with the goal of building sustainable, liveable communities. His work includes litigation but also work with administrative agencies and local governments. Brian has served as an adjunct faculty member at the Emory University School of Law and on the board of the Partnership for Southern Equity. He has a B.S. from the University of Cincinnati and a J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law.

Brian is originally from Cincinnati, Ohio but now lives in the Grant Park neighborhood of Atlanta. He is married and has two dogs. In his free time he enjoys soccer, gardening, and zymurgy.

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Dr. Jennifer Hirsch is an applied anthropologist recognized for fostering institutional partnerships with grassroots community organizations for sustainability and climate action. Since August 2015, she has been the Director of the Center for Serve-Learn-Sustain at the Georgia Institute of Technology, preparing students to use their disciplinary expertise to collaborate with diverse stakeholders in "creating sustainable communities." Dr. Hirsch is Adjunct Associate Professor in the School of City and Regional Planning at Georgia Tech and serves on the faculty of The Asset-Based Community Development Institute hosted by DePaul University. She is also a founding leader of the regional sustainability network RCE Greater Atlanta, officially recognized by the United Nations University, and a Board member of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. Previously, Dr. Hirsch worked as Associate Director of Study Abroad at Northwestern University; Urban Anthropology Director at The Field Museum of Natural History; and an independent consultant with clients such as the City of Cleveland, Enterprise Community Partners, and the U.S. Green Building Council. Dr. Hirsch received her Bachelor's degree in American Culture from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois and her Ph.D. in Cultural Anthropology from Duke University in Durham, North Carolina.

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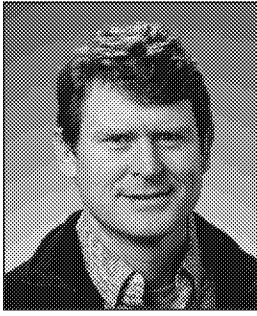
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Carrie is a transplant from Texas and has lived in Warner Robins, Georgia for about 4 1/2 years. She grew up in Arizona, California, Canada, and Texas. While married to an Air Force service member, she spent over a decade living overseas in Italy and Germany. She loves travelling and learning and exploring new cultures and languages. Carrie earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Environmental Science at the University of Texas at San Antonio, but is actually a Texas A&M Aggies fan. She has one son, Keith, who is 22 years old, very unique, and makes her laugh like no one can. She is an Environmental Consultant working as a Senior Professional Geologist for Geotechnical and Environmental Consultants in Macon. Her amazing family (Mom, Dad, Sister, Nephew, and Brother-in-law) live in Pensacola, Florida. They are truly wonderful people and along with her maternal Grandparents, instilled core values in her, including service to community, compassion, a love of nature, and a belief that you can accomplish anything you set your mind to. While she has a few close friends that she loves dearly, her dog Sasha is her best buddy in the whole world.

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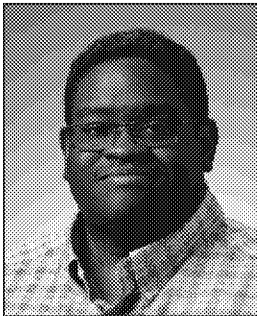
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David grew up the youngest of a family of four kids and was raised in Augusta, Georgia. His parents were educators at MCG and Augusta State. He attended public schools K through 12, completed an undergraduate degree at UGA in Agronomy (Soil Science concentration) ('91), and completed an MS in Geophysics at Georgia Tech ('93). He married his college sweetheart in '94 and has a son and daughter (16 and 13, respectively). David has worked in the environmental consulting field since finishing school as a geologist, agronomist, soil scientist, and wetland scientist. He specializes in land treatment, hydrogeology, phytoremediation, and wetland science. In his work he has been based out of Atlanta (1st 3.5 years), Albany, GA (second 3 years), and Athens since 2000. For ten years (2003-2013) David had his own firm. He has been a principal at Nutter & Associates, Inc. since 2014. For eight years he served as an elected school board member (2008-2016) for the Clarke County School District.

David originally majored in agronomy because he wanted to be a farmer. This was in part driven by the experience he had working at summer camps in rural West Virginia in his teens. Upon graduating, he felt it was not practical to venture into farming without inheriting land and equipment (this was somewhat before organic farming was viewed as a viable career). So, he went to graduate school. Much of his practice today involves agronomics and hydrogeology.

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Huiet  
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Huiet Joseph currently serves as a Director of Environmental Sustainability for Cox Enterprises Incorporated. In his role at Cox, he leads a team of energy managers to reduce the carbon footprint and water consumption of Cox facilities. He has responsibility for the design, development, installation, and financial performance of the implemented solutions. Huiet is a licensed professional engineer and holds several industry certifications such as Certified Energy Manager and Certified Energy Procurement professional. He serves on the board of the Southeastern Energy Efficiency Alliance. As a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Huiet volunteers his time to serve the less fortunate, promote voter registration, and mentor teens and young adults. He is an avid sports fan (especially the New Orleans Saints), enjoys traveling, and loves fishing with his family. Academically, Huiet obtained a bachelor of science in Physics from Dillard University in New Orleans, a Mechanical Engineering degree from Georgia Tech and a MBA from Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, TN.

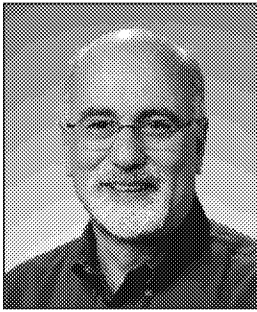
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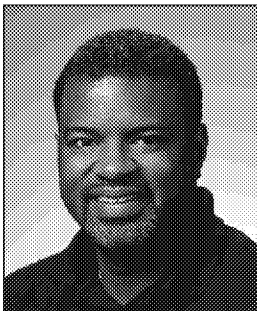
Born in Canada to Greek parents, his upbringing gave him a more global perspective. After spending time in Canada, U.S. and Greece, George landed at Georgia Tech in 1975 (liked the fight song). Both degrees are in Civil Engineering, specializing in Dirt (geotechnical engineering). His career took a downward trend from dealing with soil (foundations and dam design); to garbage (design, permit, construct and operate landfills); to lumpy water (sewer and water reclamation); finally turning upwards and focusing on drinking water as Director of Engineering for the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority. Married for 34 years to another Engineer, Becky, who is his better half, they have two children who have made their lives both full and interesting. They are members of the Georgia Conservancy and absolutely love it and their mission. As George approaches retirement in the next few years, he is thinking more how he can be more involved. He also enjoys gardening and photography.

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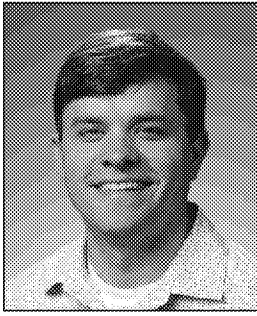
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Dika Kuoh is the Assistant Chief of the Air Protection Branch at the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD). He has worked at EPD for 13 years mainly in the air quality compliance and permitting programs. Prior to his work at EPD, Dika was a consultant providing environmental regulatory assistance to companies in Georgia. He has a BS in Agriculture from McGill University in Canada, an MS in Environmental Engineering from Northeastern University, and a Master in Environmental Management from Duke University's Environmental Leadership (DEL) Program focused on leadership, management, and environmental policy.

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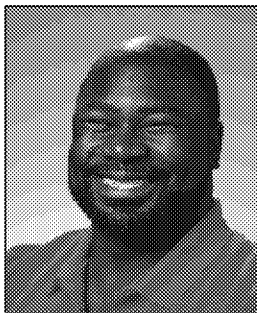
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After growing up at the rapidly suburbanizing edges of metro Atlanta splitting his time between woods and streams, the pool, and playing strategy games in his friends' basements, Andrew studied history at UGA focusing on the atomic age in the US and Russia. He then got a taste of the Midwest, cold winters, and the rust belt while attending Notre Dame Law School.

After graduating during the Great Recession, Andrew scored a job in the natural resources and environment group at a large law firm. There Andrew spent four years working for electric utilities and investment banks on infrastructure development and acquisition on projects ranging from wind and solar to coal and natural gas. His practice also included commodity trading, energy efficiency, and federal loan programs.

Having paid off \$100k+ of student loans, Andrew turned to more locally focused and value-driven work at the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority. After developing a taste for Georgia water projects, planning, and policy, Andrew then took a job working for the Atlanta Regional Commission and Metro Water District. There his primary focus is on water supply and conservation, but he also spends time on a range of water, sustainability, and land use issues.

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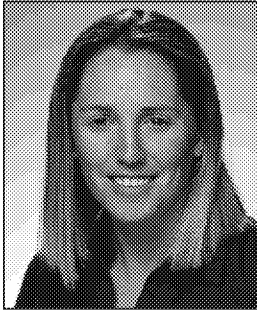
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Ovie Mughelli is an award winning and nationally recognized retired professional athlete, turned environmental advocate and superhero creator. During his nine seasons playing for the Falcons and Ravens, Ovie was the first Pro Bowl Fullback in the history of the Atlanta Falcons. Ovie continues to leverage his platform as Founder and President of the Ovie Mughelli Foundation, as an environmental spokesperson, advocate, author, media correspondent, and business owner.

The Ovie Mughelli Foundation has a vested interest in empowering and educating youth as well as the less engaged, diverse communities to become the next generation of environmental change agents.

Ovie is a devoted husband and father of three young children. Becoming a father awakened Ovie to the connection of human health to our planet's health through a series of family difficulties when his two youngest children were born premature. Ovie recognized that we need a shift in our culture of how we the people connect with, see and treat our planet.

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**Katie  
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The Nature Conservancy Georgia  
Chapter

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Katie Owens is the Upper Coosa River Program Director for The Nature Conservancy Georgia Chapter. She holds an undergraduate degree in Environmental Science with a concentration in Biology from Berry College and a Masters in Environmental Science from the University of Tennessee. In her current capacity, Katie oversees all of The Nature Conservancy's aquatic and terrestrial restoration projects in Northwest Georgia. Katie has been the Program Director for The Nature Conservancy's Upper Coosa Watershed for 11 years, working primarily in the Conasauga and Etowah Watersheds. Katie's work in the Conasauga focuses on developing working relationships with the farming community to effectively filter non-point source pollution runoff. Her work in the Etowah focuses primarily on limiting the impacts of stormwater runoff, removing fish passage barriers, restoring key subwatersheds, and protecting key tracts of land. In addition to overseeing these two major aquatic projects, Katie oversees a stewardship project in the National Forest and a montane longleaf restoration project on the southern end of the Upper Coosa Watershed. Prior to joining The Nature Conservancy, Katie worked as the staff biologist for the Upper Coosa Riverkeeper. She currently sits on the Upper Coosa Riverkeeper Board and the Georgia State Adopt-A-Stream Board.

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**Meredith  
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Meredith Rogers has been farming with her family in southwest Georgia for over 20 years. She graduated from the University of Georgia in 1991 with a Bachelor of Business Administration, and later received her Masters of Accountancy from the University of Georgia. She worked for Ernst & Young accounting firm for several years after graduation and received her Certified Public Accountant certification. She currently farms in a family partnership with her husband, parents, and siblings. The diversified farm is mostly irrigated and includes corn, peanuts, cotton, and fresh sweet corn. She and her husband also have a herd of about 250 head of brood cattle. The family runs two peanut buying points, one located in Mitchell County and one in neighboring Baker County. She is currently serving on the State Committee for the USDA Farm Service Agency. She was appointed to this position by Secretary of Agriculture, Sonny Perdue.

Meredith and her husband have three children. Her oldest son, (b) (6) and attends Wake Forest University. Her middle daughter, (b) (6) and attends University of North Georgia. Her youngest son, (b) (6) and keeps her and her husband very busy.

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**Susan  
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Susan Rutherford manages the Environmental Planning Division for the City of Atlanta Department of Watershed Management, with a focus on watershed protection planning, environmental protection ordinances, and green infrastructure. She is a city planner and Certified Floodplain Manager. Susan coordinates stormwater management activities across the Department, and leads the City's Green Infrastructure Task Force, an interdepartmental team focused on incorporating green infrastructure into all types of civic infrastructure investments.

Previously, Susan managed greenspace acquisition programs for the City of Atlanta, acquiring over 2,000 acres of permanently protected land and conservation easements across metro Atlanta. She also worked for the Utah Governor's Office of Planning and Budget and the US Forest Service. Susan has a BA from New College of Florida and received her Master's in City Planning from Georgia Tech. In her personal life, she plays mandolin in a country music band, the False Hearted Lovers, and sings in the choir at Druid Hills Presbyterian Church.

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Joan has worked with the Georgia Forestry Commission since 2005 in several different roles within the Sustainable Community Forestry Program (SCFP). She has served as a Grant Administrator, Community Forester and is currently the SCFP Coordinator. SCFP, with a staff of five, works with municipalities, government agencies, non-profit organizations, and educational institutions across Georgia to develop effective tree care management programs. She has served on the boards of the Georgia Urban Forest Council, the Oconee River Greenway Authority, and Keep DeKalb Beautiful. Previous to her time with the Georgia Forestry Commission, Joan worked for the Florida Park Service and served in the AmeriCorps program. She also spent ten years as a Broadcast Technician working at several television and video production facilities in New York, North Carolina and Atlanta. Joan has a Master's degree in Forest Resources from UGA and a Bachelor's degree in Communications from St. John's University. Originally from New York City, Joan moved to Gwinnett County in 1997 and currently resides in Athens. She recently acquired a small travel trailer and hopes to be able to revisit some of her favorite childhood memories spent traveling and camping across the country.

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Brian grew up on St. Simons Island, Georgia, and went to Georgia Tech for college. He got a job in Atlanta after graduating and has been in the Atlanta area for the twenty years since. He is married to (b) (6) from Macon, Georgia, and they have three children, 15, 12, and 6. He works for an environmental consulting firm and has been interested in water his whole life. He's very involved in the Georgia Association of Water Professionals and the American Water Works Association. His professional experience includes water resources planning, from water conservation, water loss control, and water demand forecasting to hydraulic analysis of water systems. When he's not working, he likes to spend time with his family, watch movies, go running, and work out with his F3 buddies. He's pretty outgoing and likes a good joke.

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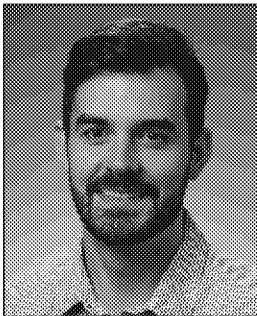
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A Georgia native, Kasey began her legal career in the non-profit sector representing a number of non-profit organizations and community groups working to the protect and restore Georgia's water resources. She later segued into private practice with a continued emphasis on public interest work in the environmental sphere - working to protect our air, water and land.

Kasey is active with the Environmental Section of the State Bar and Atlanta Bar Association. She teaches a land use and environmental class at Emory and frequently mentors young attorneys and undergraduate students considering a legal career.

Kasey received her undergraduate degree from the University of Notre Dame and her J.D. and Masters of Environmental Law from Vermont Law School. She lives in the Old Fourth Ward with her husband and two young children.

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Brett grew up in Roswell, GA and currently lives in the Midtown area of Atlanta. In his free time he coaches and plays flag football, and enjoys DJing, gaming, cheering on Atlanta United, biking, traveling, and balcony gardening.

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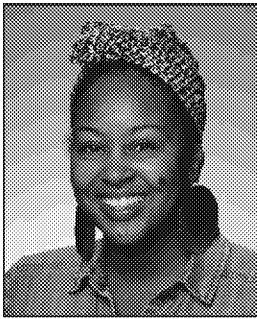
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Georgia grown, global resident, Raina Turner-Greenlea is a descendent of cane and cotton farmers, seamstresses and engineers, mother of a determined daughter poised to continue the tireless work for our people and complement to an international greenspace and agricultural manager. Raina's passion for creating healthy, sustainable communities by alleviating economic disparities shifted her career focus from merely advertising the issues to engaging in grassroots education and solution generation by providing online training and in-person experiential learning opportunities around self-sufficiency. Her organization, Sustainable Community Solutions Network, is an Atlanta-based network of 2,000+ organizations, groups and individuals committed to sustainable development and empowerment of African people globally. Mostly known for her work with social enterprises as the former Director for Community Engagement and Entrepreneurship and as the lead organizer and sponsor for the annual Black Sustainability Summit, she also works with HABESHA, Inc. to offer an environmental education and workforce development program. She has worked and studied best practices in community development in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ghana, South Africa, St. Croix, China and Colombia. Serves on the advisory board for Africa Diaspora Nation, Southface's Cultural Resilience Environmental Workforce (CREW) program, a member of the Atlanta Watershed Learning Network, certified in Biomimicry – Sustainable Solutions (US EPA), global advocate as a delegate in Washington with the Constituency for Africa, Co-chair of Unity Council for the African Community Center for Unity and Self Determination - Atlanta Division, member of the African Community Sustainability Collective, and a member of the UNIA - Atlanta chapter, Us Lifting Us Economic Development Coop and the Collective Black People's Movement.

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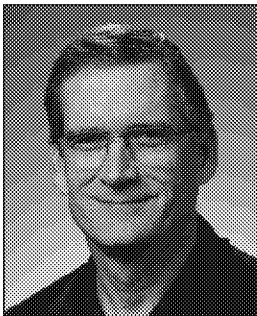
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Andres Villegas is President and CEO of the Georgia Forestry Association. In this capacity he is responsible for advocating for the Georgia's \$35.9 billion forest products industry. Through his leadership, the Georgia Forestry Association is focused on creating value for the entire forestry supply chain and ensuring that Georgia's 22 million acres of working forests continue to contribute jobs, clean air, drinking water and wildlife habitat to the citizens of the state and nation.

Andres has extensive private, public and NGO sector experience in forestry and natural resources having held domestic and international positions with Weyerhaeuser, Chevron, The Langdale Company, and the Georgia Department of Agriculture.

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A native of Atlanta, Stephen Wilson graduated from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor's degree in Geology. Mr. Wilson subsequently worked for the United States Geological Survey - Water Resources Division, where he worked on the effects of ship channel dredging on salt water intrusion on Cumberland Island. During this time, he also attended Georgia State University, where he graduated with a Master's degree in Geology/Hydrogeology. Mr. Wilson then shifted to environmental consulting, spending the next 20 years in positions of increasing technical and managerial responsibilities at two national consulting firms. During that time, Mr. Wilson worked on a variety of sites in every region of Georgia and in numerous other states. Mr. Wilson's environmental consulting experience includes hazardous waste, Brownfield, due diligence, and petroleum sites for industrial/commercial and government clients. In 2010, Mr. Wilson founded Resolute Environmental & Water Resources Consulting, LLC, an environmental consulting firm that focuses on the assessment and remediation of soil, groundwater, and surface water at hazardous waste, coal combustion residual, and Brownfield sites. Resolute also provides consulting services for groundwater resources such as well production fields for municipal and industrial clients.

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Jennifer Winn serves as the general manager of Natural Resources, where she is responsible for leading the Sales, Acquisition and Natural Resource Management teams to optimize the value of Georgia Power's property assets while protecting and enhancing the state of Georgia's natural resources through stewardship.

Winn began her career with Southern Nuclear as an engineer at Farley Nuclear Plant in 2005. In 2009, Winn transitioned to the Vogtle 3 and 4 construction project where she led internal and external reporting and was responsible for regulatory filings and interface with the PSC Staff and the DOE for the Vogtle 3 and 4 project. Winn served as assistant to the Georgia Power chairman, president and CEO from 2014 to 2016 and prior to her current role, she was general manager of Environmental Affairs, responsible for leading the Operations and Compliance team.

A native of Troy, Alabama, Winn earned a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Auburn University. She serves as the 2018-2019 Chair for the Metro Atlanta Chamber Young Professional Council, the Secretary of the Board of Directors for the YWCA of Greater Atlanta, on the Board of Directors for Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation and the Board of Trustees for the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation. Winn is active in alumni activities through the Auburn University College of Engineering's Young Alumni Council and 100 Women Strong.

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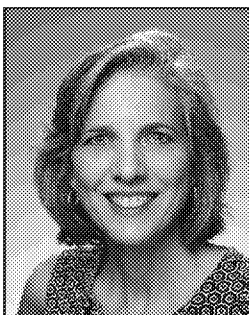
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Beth Allgood Blalock is an attorney with a wide range of experience working on environmental and land use issues. Her primary practice areas include the acquisition and the redevelopment of properties with environmental impacts and environmental regulatory, compliance and permitting issues. She has served as the Assistant Branch Chief for the Land Branch of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, and in that capacity was responsible for the regulation of hazardous waste sites, Underground Storage Tanks, and brownfields. She has also held roles as General Counsel for the Georgia Conservancy and as an environmental attorney with King and Spalding and the Southern Environmental Law Center. She graduated with a degree in ecology and political science from the University of Georgia and also received her law degree from the University of Georgia. Ms. Blalock serves as a lecturer on Brownfields and regulatory issues in Georgia and is currently an adjunct professor at the Georgia State University College of Law.

She is an active member of All Saints' Episcopal Church, where she served as the Junior Warden from 2016-2018. She is a 2016 graduate of the Institute for Georgia Environmental Leadership. She and her husband reside in Atlanta with their two children.

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